

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 5/18/05

Division: BOCC1

Bulk Item: Yes ☐ No ☐

Department: BOCC1

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi

AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Presentation of Mayor's proclamation recognizing June as
Metropolitan Community Church –Key West Month

ITEM BACKGROUND:

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

TOTAL COST: _____

BUDGETED: Yes ☐ No ☐

COST TO COUNTY: _____

SOURCE OF FUNDS: _____

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes ☐ No ☐ **AMOUNT PER MONTH** _____ **Year** _____

APPROVED BY: County Atty _____ OMB/Purchasing _____ Risk Management _____

DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL: _____

Dixie M. Spehar

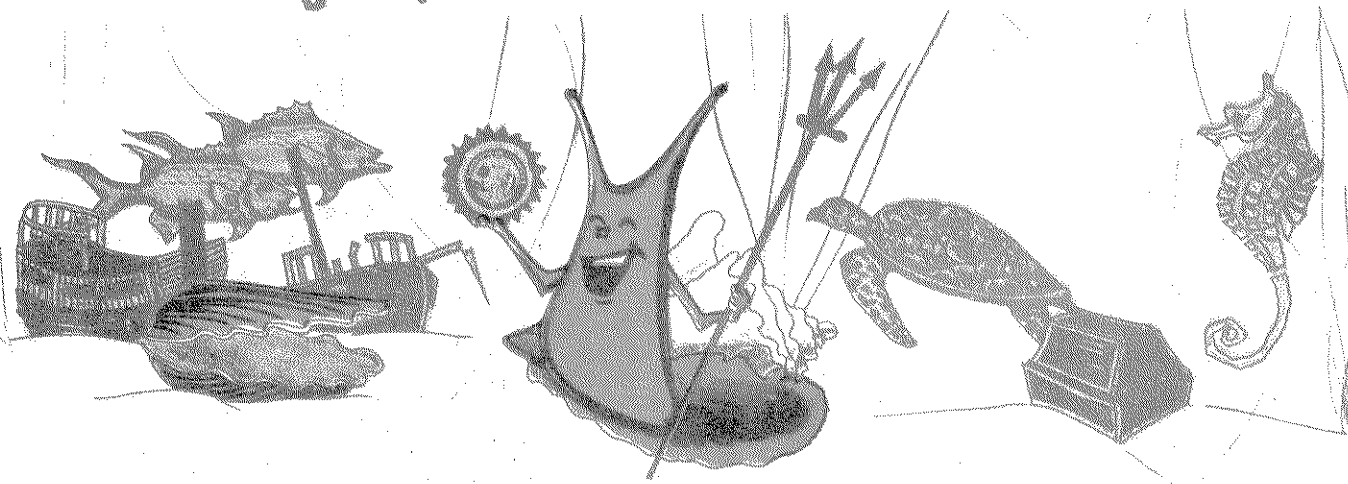
Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor

DOCUMENTATION: Included ☐

Not Required ☐

DISPOSITION: _____

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Mayor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** in June of 1980, a group of local concerned Christians who shared a vision of creating a church that would welcome all people, affirm the diversity of God's creation, celebrate love in its many forms, and minister to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of residents and visitors, came together to establish Metropolitan Community Church Key West. They are a member of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches which was founded in 1968 and is an international religious organization comprised of more than 300 churches and over 40,000 members in 18 countries; and
- WHEREAS,** MCC Key West, having worshiped in the Key West Women's Club and other various locations, purchased and remodeled a permanent home for its growing ministries on Petronia Street with a sanctuary and fellowship hall which was dedicated on April 26, 1987; and
- WHEREAS,** After 17 years of ministry, MCC Key West launched its "Silver Anniversary Capital Campaign" in 2004 to provide \$250,000 in capital improvements to its church home in order to continue and expand its ministries to residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** MCC Key West and its diverse membership continue to demonstrate responsibility, reconciliation, and leadership in the spiritual, social, business and political life of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** MCC Key West has taken an active leadership role in addressing many social concerns including: Providing food for low-income families, homebound senior citizens, and homeless individuals, Giving assistance for prescriptions, rent, utilities, and medical emergencies, Providing physical, emotional, and spiritual assistance for persons living with HIV/AIDS, their friends and family members, and Providing memorial services, weddings, and holy unions in celebration of the lives and loves of diverse residents and visitors; and
- WHEREAS,** the Congregation of MCC Key West and its senior minister, the Rev. Geoff D. Leonard-Robinson, will be joined by the Rev. Dr. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, June 10th through the 13th, 2005, as they begin a year of celebration in observance of their twenty-fifth anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Dixie M. Spehar, do hereby proclaim June 2005 as

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH KEY WEST MONTH

in Monroe County and call upon all citizens, residents and visitors, especially those in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States," to join in celebration and support of MCC Key West and the invaluable contributions its members have made and will continue to make to the betterment of life and strengthening of the community in which we live.

WITNESS my hand and seal of Monroe County, Florida, this 18th day of May 2005.

Dixie M. Spehar, MAYOR